



MISSOURI VETERANS HOME - CAMERON

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Message from Administration



Celia A. Reed
Administrator

Notes from Administrator

This spring and summer have been unseasonably cool with a lot of rain. The lawn has remained green all summer and kept the Maintenance department busy cutting the grass. We are beginning to feel that fall is in the air.

Our census remains at 99% with an increase in numbers on our waiting list. Our Maintenance and Housekeeping departments work swiftly and diligently to clean and make any necessary repairs to the room when it is vacated so that we can give another Veteran the opportunity to live with us as soon as possible.

Our big news is the approval of a building addition to our facility. This addition will include a new chapel/multipurpose room and a sunroom addition to the dining room. Our existing chapel simply is not large enough to hold the number of Veterans who want to attend religious services whether it is daily devotions, weekly church services, or monthly memorial services. Our present dining room cannot accommodate all of our Veterans to eat at one time and there are several Veterans who just enjoy sitting in the sun! This addition has been long awaited and we are anxious for construction to begin.

The employees and volunteers of the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron consider it a privilege to serve the Veterans who have protected our freedom and given us the opportunity to live and work in the best country in the world.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BY GINA

What has the Disaster Preparedness Committee been up to these days?

(Committee: Vicki Henson, Assistant Administrator, David Slover, Personnel Director, Steve Riley, Maintenance Director, Gina Youtsey, Administrative Assistant)

On June 13th, a mass evacuation training exercise took place. In coordination with the Missouri SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) and the Clinton County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), we conducted a well-planned evacuation training exercise. Our number one goal was to get as many Residents evacuated to an off-site shelter facility without injury to Residents or staff. We were a smashing success!



Loading the buses



On the road to shelter.

In September of 2008, members of our Disaster Preparedness Committee (Vickie Henson, Gina Youtsey and Steve Younger) began working with a team from our LEPC

and SEMA to write a training exercise plan centered around the evacuation of the Missouri Veterans Home of Cameron. This plan went beyond Clinton County to include area wide emergency services, such as Region H Hazmat, Highway Patrol, Mo Fire Safety, area County Sheriff's departments and area fire departments. Each entity had their own training goals listed in the plan. Beyond our goal of safety, we intended to find out how much time it would take to complete a full evacuation and how our written plan would hold up to such an endeavor.

We conducted in-services for our staff prior to the event without divulging the actual date, time or details.

It was a very long day for all involved and our Residents and staff were real troopers throughout the entire experience.

We enlisted assistance from our MVH in Warrensburg. We also enlisted the assistance from other area long term care homes. We asked their Administrators and Directors of Nursing to be observers on our big day. We met with them the morning of the exercise and provided them with checklists of things we wanted them to evaluate throughout the day. We assigned each of them to a specific strategic location for this purpose. These folks were more than happy to join us so they could experience the scenario first hand and take that valuable knowledge back to their own facilities. We also assigned each of them to the task of "Safety First" and asked them to stop any unsafe practice they might witness. We emphasized to our staff that taking the time to ensure safety would be the number one priority.



Unloading at shelter.



***Many Volunteers happily joined us to help
Emergency backpack, check!
Resident, check!
On this day.***

We learned many things from our experience and are currently working diligently to re-write our Emergency Response Manual and train our entire staff on these changes. Most importantly, we learned that we could not write an effective Emergency Response Manual without firsthand knowledge of how things will really go down in an emergency. In addition, we learned that a member of our Nurse Management Team is an excellent communicator in an emergency. Communications are the most difficult thing to do well in an emergency and this is experienced by most all Emergency Services, such as police and fire. However, our Incident Commander on this particular day did a tremendous job of keeping our communications in order and successful! She even impressed our County's Emergency Management Team and many others with her communications control during this event.



Some members of our planning team spent the day roaming around the town evaluating all the different entities involved and they could not say enough great things about our staff and their performance

during this training exercise. Pictured here are Mo State Fire Safety Officer, Stoney Bowers and A.J. Lehman, Training Officer with Mo SEMA discussing communications with a volunteer from the NW Mo ARES Group (ARES Group offers HAM radio communications support during area emergencies).

Mr. Bennett., Goes to Washington Honor Flight



Honor Flight

Herman Bennett, Unit A, was selected into the "Honor Flight" program and flew to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, May 20th to see the World War II Memorial and several other famous sites! Herman sent his application to the Honor Flight Network and was selected to participate in this once in a lifetime experience.

He, with 24 other WWII Veterans, flew out of Kansas City International Airport at 6:00 am on May 20th and arrived at Reagan National Airport just a few hours later. They boarded a tour bus and spent the morning site-seeing around Washington. Lunch was provided by Arby's and then the tour continued into the afternoon. Some of the sites they visited included the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, the Pentagon, the White House, the National Mall, and Arlington Cemetery. The group also had a meet and greet with Bob Dole! They had a steak dinner before

boarding their return flight to Kansas City. The crew landed at 10:00 pm on Wednesday evening. Each one received a souvenir t-shirt and ball cap. This entire trip was free of charge for all of the Veterans who participated.

The Missouri Veterans Home – Cameron currently has three Veterans on the waiting list for the next Honor Flight.

Darci Henry CTRS

KC WOLF, VISITS!

KC Wolf visited the home on Friday, June 12th for our annual Residents vs. Staff Baseball Game. Horizon State Bank sponsored the event, scheduling and paying for KC Wolf's appearance. Everyone enjoyed beer, hotdogs, giant pickles, peanuts, and popcorn while watching the game! Assistance League Treasurer, Roger Durant, stopped by to hit a few balls and put away a few hotdogs and Assistance League Member, Bert Macy, snapped photos of the event. Like always, the residents were victorious, putting the staff to shame!



4th of July

The Veterans were super busy this 4th of July! We started out the day with an outing to the Veterans' Tribute at the local Veterans' Memorial, where a new statue was dedicated.

The residents got to watch a proper flag retirement ceremony and take photos with our city's mayor.



After lunch, we loaded the bus once again. This time we were off to the local Independence Day Parade. The Cameron Police and Fire Departments cleared out the Fire Bay and invited our Veterans to have a front row seat for the parade. Everyone cheered when the Veterans Home float passed by! It was built by employees of the home and Resident Council Vice-President, Arthur Bonham, waved to the crowd from the float! The residents cooled off after the parade with sno-cones and then enjoyed a special game of BINGO, anxiously waiting for the fireworks! At dusk, the residents gathered on the back patio for the home's fireworks display provided by the Assistance League. A combination of employees and volunteers lit the fireworks from the fire lane and lit up the sky. The city's fireworks display immediately followed ours, making for over a full hour of entertainment. During this busy time, one of our Veterans was receiving an award at the Veterans' Memorial for his military service. Herman Bennett received an American flag and recognition for

UP COMING EVENTS

2009

September 12 – Assistance League Softball Tournament Fundraiser

October 3 – Fall Family Festival 4-6 pm

October 4 – 4-H Youth Leadership Conference

October 9 – Annual American Idol Contest

Golf Tournament

10th Annual Golf Tournament Winners First Place Championship Flight



I & A Team
The Roney's
They donated their winnings back.

2nd Place



Representative Jim Guest Team
Donated their winnings back

Flight A
Winners



Skidmore/Webb/Barnes
Donated winnings back.

2nd Place Flight A



Jackson/Dennis/Pruessner

The Singing Veterans sang the National Anthem



Special guest



Gator Rivers from the Harlem Globetrotters
Golfed with County Commissioner Randall Relford and Golf Tournament Co-Chairman Gary Summers



Representative Jim Guest shakes hands with the Veterans.



On the Course



Hole in one observation Tent

Proceeds from the tournament go to the Van Fund. We now have \$37,424.87, toward the purchase of a new Van.

Memorial Service Chaplains



Memorial Services are held the last Friday of each month at 10:00, in the Chapel of the Cameron Missouri Veterans Home. Pastors Mark and Cindy McBee officiating

TAPS June

Stewart Selby US Army
William Saale US Army
Leroy Larson US Navy
Everett Hammack US Army

Gary Yates US Army
Judson Lepper US Army
William Cartee US Army
George Summers US Army

July

Thomas Brammer US Army
Robert Meeks US Army
Harold Allen US Army
Waymon Hollis US Army
Bill Trippit US Navy
Roy Blanchard US Army
Clarence Stapp US Army
Thomas Scott US Navy
Donald Lawrence US Army

August

Marvin Theel US Navy
Dale Phillips US Army
Walter Huff US Army
Harold McCullough US Army
Patricia Irby US Air Force
Irvin Swartley US Navy
Donald Belcher US Army
Robert Palmer US Navy
Milton Teegarden US Army
James Bowers US Army
Robert McCoy US Navy

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything
And a season for every purpose under
heaven A time to be born, a time to die .

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Thanks to each of you. Please forgive me if I
 unintentionally left someone off this list.

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